

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Original) A device for delivering a supply of gases to a user comprising:
a patient interface, in use in fluid communication with said supply of gases and supplying said gases to said user,
at least one outlet member integrated with or attached to said patient interface, wherein the boundary between said outlet member and said interface forms at least one narrow outlet vent that in use passes a substantial portion of the expired gases of said user.
2. (Original) A device for delivering a supply of gases to a user according to claim 1 wherein said outlet vent comprises a slot formed in said interface and a cover extending over said slot and attached to said interface, such that the separation between said interface and said cover increases to the edge of said cover in order to diffuse said exhaled gases.
3. (Currently Amended) A device for delivering a supply of gases to a user according to ~~claims 1 or 2~~ claim 1 wherein said outlet member is removable.
4. (Currently Amended) A device for delivering a supply of gases to a user according to ~~claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1 wherein said at least one outlet vent is a substantially long tapered slot.
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Currently Amended) A device for delivering a supply of gases to a user according to ~~any~~

~~of claims 1 to 5~~ claim 1 wherein said at least one outlet vent extends between the top and bottom of said patient interface.

7. (Currently Amended) A device for delivering a supply of gases to a user according to ~~any of claims 1 to 6~~ claim 1 wherein said patient interface is a mask.

8. (Currently Amended) A device for delivering a supply of gases to a user according to ~~any of claims 1 to 6~~ claim 1 wherein said patient interface is a nasal mask.

9. (Currently Amended) A device for delivering a supply of gases to a user according to ~~any of claims 1 to 6~~ claim 1 wherein said patient interface is a full face mask.

10. (Currently Amended) A CPAP system for delivering gases to a user including a pressurised source of gases, transport means in fluid communication with said pressurised source adapted to convey said gases, and a patient interface in fluid communication with said transport means in use delivering said gases to said user,

said patient interface including:

at least one removable outlet member integrated with or attached to said patient interface,

wherein the boundary between said outlet member and said interface forms at least one ~~long narrow tapered~~ slot that in use passes a substantial portion of the expired gases of said user.

11. (Currently Amended) A CPAP system for delivering gases to a user according to claim

†† 10 wherein said outlet member is removable.

12. (Original) A removable outlet member for a gases delivery patient interface, said patient interface including at least one said outlet member, the boundary between said outlet member and said interface forms at least one narrow outlet vent that in use passes a substantial portion of expired gases from a user.

13. (Currently Amended) A device for delivering a supply of gases to a user comprising: a patient interface, in use in fluid communication with said supply of gases ~~and supply said gases to said user~~, said patient interface including a hollow body and a cushion where said cushion extends below said user's chin.

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Cancelled)

16. (New) A device for delivering a supply of gases to a user according to claim 13 wherein said hollow body is substantially rigid.

17. (New) A device for delivering a supply of gases to a user according to claim 13 wherein said cushion is substantially soft and flexible and substantially seals in use against said user's face.